

superfluous – PO 1

Read all the words with suffix *-ous*. Then read down each column.

1. tremendous	glamorous	humorous
2. superb	supersize	superintendent
3. supernatural	superpowers	vigorous
4. miraculous	slumberous	splendorous
5. serious	plunderous	contagious

- A. Circle the word in the first row that means *attractive*.
- B. Underline the word in the first row that is a synonym of *funny*.
- C. Circle the word in the second row that means *very large*.
- D. Underline the word in the second row that means *a job position*.
- E. Circle the word in the third row that is synonymous with *full of energy*.
- F. Underline the two words in the third row that have the meaning *above or beyond*.
- G. Circle the word in the fourth row that means *sleepy*.
- H. Underline the word in the fourth row that means *brilliant*.
- I. Circle the word in the fifth row that is the antonym of *carefree*.
- J. Underline the word in the fifth row that describes a thief.

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Underline all the words with suffix *-ous*. Read the passage.

MADD

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a nonprofit organization that was started in 1980 in California. Candice Lightner’s 13-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver who outrageously left the scene of the accident. This drunk driver had previously been arrested for another drunk driving incident. As a result of this horrendous crime, Lightner founded and became the first president of MADD.

The initial mission or purpose of MADD was to 1) aid the victims of crimes perpetrated by individuals driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 2) assist the families of such victims, and 3) increase public awareness of the problems of drunk and drugged driving. Over the years, the organization has expanded its efforts to prevent underage drinking. Because of the populous awareness of the continuous problem of drunk driving, MADD claims that the number of incidents of drunk driving has been cut in half.

However, according to MADD, someone is killed in a drunk driving accident every 53 minutes. It is never superfluous to say that drinking and driving don’t mix. Simply stated, “Don’t drink and drive.”

Write the words from the text that contain the ending *-ous* and explain what they mean.

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